

Ranger Programs: September 8 – November 1



Dickey Ridge (mile 4.6)		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Terrace Talk - Spend 10 minutes learning about a special feature of Shenandoah National Park. Check at Information Desk for talk schedule. <i>Dickey Ridge Visitor Center.</i>		Check at the Information Desk for talk schedule.						

Skyland (miles 41.7 and 42.5)		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Ancient Volcano Hike – Imagine fiery lava and rivers of molten rock in Shenandoah! Walk along the remains of an ancient volcanic rift. 2 miles. 2 hours. <i>Meet at Timber Hollow Overlook (mile 43.3).</i>		10:00 a.m.			10:00 a.m.			
Wild About Bears – Learn about the unique lifestyle of Shenandoah’s largest mammals during this 20-minute talk. <i>Skyland Dining Hall.</i>		1:30 p.m.		1:30 p.m.		1:30 p.m.		1:30 p.m.
Historic Massanutten Lodge – Tour the restored 1911 bungalow home of Addie Pollock and learn about the figures and forces of early Skyland Resort. 1 hour. <i>Meet at Skyland Conference Hall (lower road).</i> Tours end for the year on Sunday, October 25, 2009.		4:00 p.m.		4:00 p.m.				4:00 p.m.
Little Stony Man Cliffs – Explore a sheer cliff face and breathtaking views of the Shenandoah Valley during this scenic hike that rises in elevation 270 feet. 1.5 miles. 1.5 hours. <i>Meet at Stony Man Mountain Overlook (mile 38.6).</i>			10:00 a.m.			10:00 a.m.		
A Change of Season – Sleeping colors awaken, seeds mature, and animals prepare and adapt during this season of change. Join a Park Ranger to discover more about these seasonal changes during this 20-minute talk. <i>Skyland Dining Hall.</i>			1:30 p.m.		1:30 p.m.		1:30 p.m.	
Discovery Walk – Slow down, look up, under and around – explore with a Ranger and see what you can discover today! 1 hour. <i>Meet at Skyland Amphitheater.</i>			3:00 p.m.					3:00 p.m.
Stony Man Hike – Some of the most incredible views in Shenandoah are closer than you think; hike to the park’s second tallest peak. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water. 1.6 miles. 2 hours. <i>Meet at Stony Man Trailhead (mile 41.7, the north entrance to Skyland Resort).</i>				10:00 a.m.			10:00 a.m.	
On Silent Wings – Meet live owls while discovering the adaptations and behaviors that make them successful hunters of the night. 1 hour. <i>Skyland Amphitheater.</i>								10:00 a.m.
Evening Stroll on the Limberlost – Visit this dramatic forest at a magical time. Dress warmly for cold mountain nights. 1 hour. <i>Meet at the Limberlost Trailhead (milepost 43).</i>								7:00 p.m.

Big Meadows (milepost 51)		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Terrace Talk – Spend 10 minutes learning about a special feature of the park. Check at Information Desk for talk schedule. <i>Byrd Visitor Center.</i>		Check at the Information Desk for talk schedule.						
Live Birds of Prey – Meet live raptors and learn about their vital role in the ecosystem. 1 hour. <i>Big Meadows Amphitheater.</i>		10:00 a.m.			10:00 a.m.			
Tour the Historic Rapidan Camp – Travel by bus 30 minutes to President Hoover’s summer retreat. Visit the authentically refurbished President’s cabin with a Ranger, then explore on your own. 3 hours. 12-person limit. <i>Reserve by phone (540-999-3500 ext. 3283) or in person at Byrd Visitor Center.</i> Tours end for the year on Sunday, October 25, 2009.		1:30 p.m.		1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.		1:30 p.m.
Highest Point at Big Meadows – This is a short walk along the Applachian Trail to the spectacular view from the Blackrock Viewpoint. 1 hour. <i>Meet at Big Meadows Amphitheater.</i>		4:00 p.m.			4:00 p.m.			
Appalachian Trail Hike – Hike a portion of this famous mountain trail and discover its fascinating stories. 2 miles. 2 hours. <i>Meet at Milam Gap Parking Area (mile 52.8).</i>			10:00 a.m.			2:00 p.m.		
Wild About Bears – Learn about the unique lifestyle of Shenandoah’s largest mammals during this 20-minute talk. <i>Byrd Visitor Center.</i>			2:00 p.m.				2:00 p.m.	
A Change of Season – Sleeping colors awaken, seeds mature, and animals prepare and adapt during this season of change. Join a Park Ranger to discover more about these seasonal changes during this 20-minute talk. <i>Byrd Visitor Center.</i>				10:30 a.m.		10:30 a.m.		10:30 a.m.
More than a Meadow – Discover the wonders of a unique 130-acre meadow on this gentle walk. 1 mile. 1.5 hours. <i>Meet at Byrd Visitor Center.</i>				2:00 p.m.				2:00 p.m.
CCC Stroll – Celebrate the Civilian Conservation Corps legacy on this short walk to the site of a CCC camp. 45 minutes. <i>Meet at Byrd Visitor Center.</i>				4:00 p.m.			4:00 p.m.	
Junior Ranger Program – Unlock the mysteries of Shenandoah through fun and educational activities. Kids ages 7-12. Parent/adult must accompany child. 1.5 hours. <i>Meet at Byrd Visitor Center.</i>								3:00 p.m.
Evening Campfire Program – Join a ranger for this well-loved National Park Service tradition. Dress warmly for cold mountain nights. 45 minutes. <i>Big Meadows Amphitheater.</i>							7:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.

Loft Mountain (mile 79.5)		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Discovery Walk – Slow down, look up, under and around – explore with a Ranger and see what you can discover today! 1 hour. <i>Meet at Loft Mountain Information Center.</i>								3:00 p.m.
Evening Campfire Program – Join a Ranger for this well-loved National Park Service tradition. Dress warmly for cold mountain nights. 45 minutes. <i>Loft Mountain Amphitheater.</i>								7:30 p.m.